

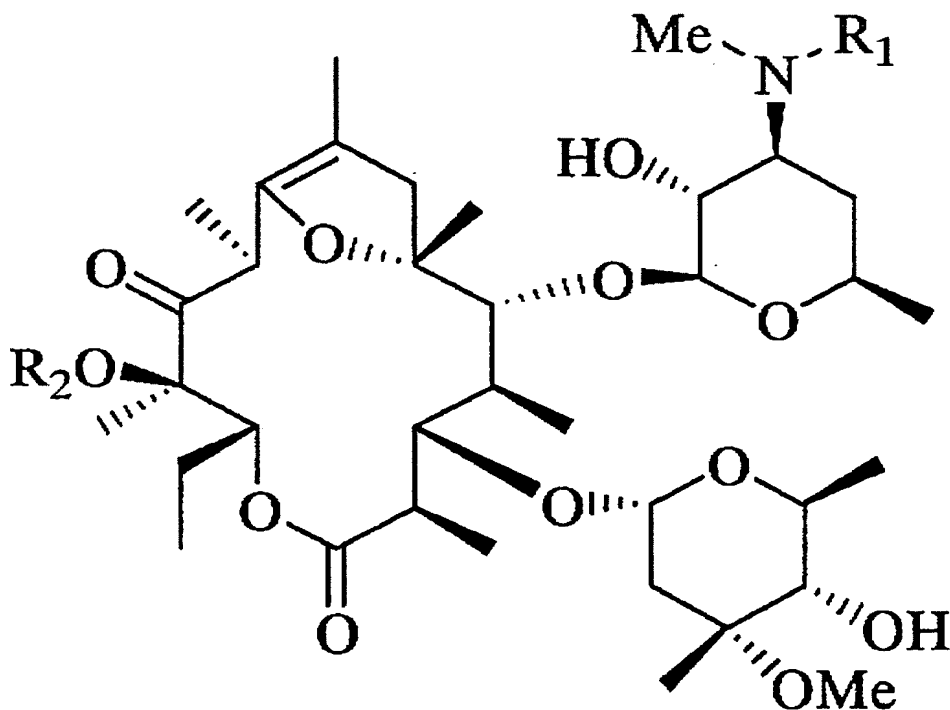
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction, which comprises as an active ingredient a compound of Formula (1) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



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(wherein R_1 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group and R_2 represents a C_1 - C_6 alkyl group).

2. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is an isopropyl group.

3. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 1-~~or~~ 2, wherein R_2 is a methyl group.

4. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 1, wherein defecation dysfunction is constipation.

5. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4, wherein defecation dysfunction is analgesic-induced constipation, including morphine-induced constipation.

6. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4, wherein defecation dysfunction is functional constipation.

7. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 6, wherein defecation dysfunction is constipation associated with irritable bowel syndrome, atonic constipation, rectal constipation or chronic constipation.

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8. (Original) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4, wherein defecation dysfunction is senile constipation.

9. (Currently Amended) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the agent accelerates normal defecation.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

11. (New) The therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 2, wherein R_2 is a methyl group.

12. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 2 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

13. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation

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dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 3 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

14. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 4 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

15. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 5 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

16. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 6 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

17. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction

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according to claim 7 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

18. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 8 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

19. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 9 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.

20. (New) A method for treating and/or preventing defecation dysfunction in a patient with defecation dysfunction, which comprises administering to the patient, the therapeutic and/or preventive agent for defecation dysfunction according to claim 11 in doses sufficient to treat and/or prevent defecation dysfunction in the patient.